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Office Action Summary

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 29 August 2005.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-4 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-4 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☒ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☒ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date 8/29/05.
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____.
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

Specification

1. The title should be checked for proper idiomatic language, i.e. "AN DEVICE FOR THE PRODUCING" should be --A DEVICE FOR PRODUCING--.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

2. The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

3. Claims 1-4 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

Claim 1-4 recite "the mold jaw halves" and claims 2-4 recite "The mold jaw halves" which both lack antecedent basis making it unclear to what they refer. Claims 2-4 recite "The mold jaw halves as set forth in claim1" which is unclear because claim 1 recites "A mold jaw half". Therefore, the metes and bounds of claims 1-4 are unclear.

Claim 1 is incorrect. As understood from the specification (i.e., paragraphs [0020] and [0021]), the mold jaw halves, not a mold jaw half, have end faces which are provided oriented in the advance direction along a mold section in mutually parallel and closely mutually juxtaposed relationship and bear closely and in positively locking relationship against each other. A mold jaw half cannot have end faces which are in mutually parallel and closely mutually juxtaposed relationship and bear closely and in positively locking relationship against each other. Such functionality requires mold jaw halves which bear against each other.

Allowable Subject Matter

4. Claims 1-4 would be allowable if rewritten or amended to overcome the rejection(s) under 35 U.S.C. 112, 2nd paragraph, set forth in this Office action.
5. The following is a statement of reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter: the prior art of record does not teach or reasonably suggest the apparatus as recited by claims 1-4, particularly wherein the coolant feed and the coolant discharge cross, as viewed in a direction viewing on to the end faces of the mold jaw halves, and are oriented in opposite relationship with respect to the advance direction of the mold jaw halves in order to provide that the coolant is shovelled into the cooling passage.

Conclusion

6. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

Lupke et al. (U.S. Patent 5,573,787), Berns et al. (U.S. Patent 5,531,583), Kossner (U.S. Patent 6,149,421), Neubauer (U.S. Patent 6,206,670), Neubauer (U.S. Patent 6,309,205), Hegler (U.S. Patent 6,457,965) and Hegler (U.S. Patent 6,773,253) are cited as of interest to show the state of the art.

7. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Joseph Leyson whose telephone number is (571) 272-5061. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 9AM-5:30PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Gupta Yogendra can be reached on (571) 272-1316. The fax phone


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number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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